Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16th, 2006

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for
Week of July 23rd, 2006

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 13-18
Mark 6: 30-34

Theme: Jesus' teachings touch our lives.

Question for Adults: Which of Jesus' teachings has touched you profoundly? What did you do as a result of hearing it?

Question for Children: Why did Jesus feel sorry for the people? What did Jesus do for the people when he saw them?

Monday, July 17th, 2006
Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34-11:1
5:45 p.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: For those recovering from addictions
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 18th, 2006
Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24
8:00 p.m. -Daily Liturgy
Intention: For peace & justice
Fr. Mark's Day off after mass
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 19th, 2006
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27
5:45 p.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Sexually Abused
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Volunteer in office
9: 00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry

Thursday, July 20th, 2006
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: For all aborted babies in the B.H.
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
6:30 p.m. – Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Friday, July 21st, 2006
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: For areas of unrest
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
5:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 22nd, 2006
Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene
Mi 2:1-5 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday Readings
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
2:00 p.m. - Wedding
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: For much needed moisture
Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: *Cecelia Keller*
Altar Servers: *Alex Kuehler*, Marissa & Trevor Pitsor*
Blood: *Charlie & Eileen Desmond, Jayme & Reggie Hunt*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lector: *Sarah Cresalia & Doris Hume*
Sacristan: *Charlie & Patty Cresalia*
Usher: *Joyce & Pat Clark*
Choir: *Family Choir*

Sunday, July 16th, 2006
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: For people who are dying due to lack of receiving basic needs
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Kerry, Shannon & Clint Wilson**
Blood: *Barb & Gary Erickson, Jean Schubauer, Judy Wilson*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lector: *Reeny & Judy Wilson*
Sacristan: *Barb & Gary Erickson*
Usher: *The Ducheneaux / Schoeberl Family*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Rolls

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: Parish Community
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: Ryan Reers, Mattias Diedricksen, Tyler Corbine
Blood: Christine Diedricksen, Jim McCormick, Jim Hoag, Sharon Long
Body: Walt Wilson
Lector: Brad & Mary Blauvelt
Sacristan: The Blauvelt Family
Usher: The Inman Family
Choir: Folk Group

Sparks By Mark

This past week it seems that everyday in the Rapid City Journal there was an article or two on the drought that our ranchers, farmers and communities facing in our state. This is putting great burdens on their livelihood and in the communities in which they live. At times, I feel so hopeless in their struggle and yet I know that one of the things that I can do is pray for rain for our lands. It is being a person of prayer and faith that keeps hope alive even in the greatest trials and tribulations.

I encourage us daily to pray this prayer for rain with the assurances of our faith.

Fr. Mark

Prayer for Rain

O, God, in you we live and have our being. We thank you for the moisture we have had; we are in need of more. Please grant us rain in sufficient abundance. Most days we realize, looking up into the clear blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear. We place our trust in you. We are sure that you know our needs, but when we ask we realize even more so how totally dependent we are on you. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear Father. Bless them with the living blessing of both gentle rains to saturate the sun-baked earth and hard rains to replenish our rivers and dams. Then, in the words of the psalmist, the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hears of all people will be made glad. We ask this of you, Father, through Christ your Son in the Holy Spirit, who binds us all together. AMEN.

Join us for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina
Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
At Our Lady of the Black Hills
Call Father Mark McCormick at 787-5168

Prayer Corner: *Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.*
Improved Health – Darrell Sanderson, Doug Nickles, Michael Habbe, Justin Judy, Melinda Jessen, Marla Shaffer , Anita Vandermay, Richard Eaton, Enola Sorlie
Repose – Ray Hume

STEWARDSHIP

July 9th & 10th General Collections	
Loose	$1,232.78
Envelopes	$3,015.00
Votive	$3.00
Student	$35.85
Building	$845.00
Adopt a Seminarian	$27.00
Total	$4,258.48

Renovation Pledges
May 1st, 2005 to April 30th, 2007
Total Pledged - $141,112.01
Total received - $93.667.67

It's People Like You Who Keep Our Faith Formation Alive!

If you are interested in having fun, learning more about your faith, and enjoy being in the presence of our young community at OLBH, please consider being a catechist! WE need catechists & helpers for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Also looking for families to help cook meals for the Wednesday meals.
Call Charlotte Verhey at 787-5168 or 342-3712 for more information.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE
Date: Monday, July 17, 2006
Time: 2:30-7:30pm
Place: Church Basement @ OLBH
Contact: Robert Dyczek @ 484-3725
Walk-ins & new donors welcome! Age 17 & older.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting donated items for a rummage sale fund raiser. The rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th. Anyone interested in renting a spot or donating items for the sale, please contact John Wang at 718-8913 or by email at warden@kofc7079.org.

Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church is now accepting applications for a Part-time Parish Secretary, approx. 15-20 hrs. per week, M-F. Secretary will report directly to the pastor. Duties include: answering phones, preparing weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, mail, record-keeping and various other organizational and office duties.

Qualified Candidates will have Computer Proficiency with Windows 98 programs, and Good Organizational and People Skills. Wages DOE. Applications will be accepted M-F at Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church, 16155 Spring Valley Road, Piedmont. For more information, call Pastor Carol Mapa at 787-5588.

Piedmont Valley Lions Club
Santa Maria Barbecue
Located at Grace United Methodist Church
10060 Foothill Drive, Piedmont, SD
The Meal Includes:
Santa Maria Barbecue cooked on an open oak fire, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Roll, Iced Tea or Lemonade
Serving dates and times:
August 5th thru August 10th
From 4:00 until 7:00 PM
All profits will go to Lions Community Projects and the Church Building Fund
For Further Information Call :
Burt LeCates, 787-4709 or
Roger Van Alstine, 787-5750

Diocesan News:

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING
Catholic Social Services is holding an informational meeting for anyone interested in finding out more about adoption. The meeting will be held on July 11, 2006 at The United Way Building, 621 Sixth St, Rapid City from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This meeting is open to singles and married couples of all faiths. If you have ever considered beginning or continuing your family through adoption, this meeting is for you. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, please call at 348-6086 or 1-800-727-2401.

Fourth Annual Diocesan Youth Commission Meeting and Rally will be held August 26 at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. Guest Speaker is Sean Dalton. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Faithful Citizenship Our tasks are to restore a sense of civility and responsibility to everyday life, and promote crime prevention and genuine rehabilitation. The common good is undermined by criminal behavior that threatens the lives and dignity of others and by policies that seem to give up on those who have broken the law (offering too little treatment *and* to few alternatives to either years in prison or the execution of those who have been convicted of terrible crimes). New approaches must move beyond the slogans of the moment (such as "three strikes and you're out") and the excuses of the past (such as "criminals are simply trapped by their background"). Crime, corrections, and the search for real community require far more than the policy clichés of conservatives and liberals.

Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice: A Statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introduction. November 15, 2000, USCCB. www.usccb.org/sdwp/criminal.htm
(From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CLASS
Therapist Jim Kinyon, MS, LPC-MH, QMHP will offer Marriage Enrichment Classes at Catholic Social Services office in Rapid City. The six-week course developed by Gary Smalley will focus on a different topic of relationship-building each week. Gary Smalley is a humorous and engaging teacher. His "Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships" series is full of practical advice and profound insight. It is always the 'right' time to strengthen our relationships. This series would be a benefit to every couple, whether newlywed, or celebrating their golden anniversary.
Date: Thurs. nights starting July 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
Class Fee: $60 per couple for full 6 weeks.
For more information, or to register, call CSS at 605-348-6086 or 800-727-2401.

Accounting Assistant Position
The Rapid City Catholic School System. Primary responsibilities include payroll and related H.R. items. Additional responsibilities include leave accounting, account reconciliation, and assistance with AP and AR. Apply at St. Thomas More business office or send completed application and resume to: Business Office, RCCSS, 300 Fairmont Blvd, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Sunday July 16 - 15h Sunday of Ordinary Time A Catholic approach begins with the recognition that the dignity of the human person applies to both victim and offender. As bishops, we believe that the current trend of more prisons and more executions, with too little education and drug treatment, does not truly reflect Christian values and will not really leave our communities safer. We are convinced that our tradition and our faith offer better alternatives that can hold offenders accountable and challenge them to change their lives; reach out to victims *and* reject vengeance; restore a sense of community and resist the violence that has engulfed so much of our culture.

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For The Ride Home
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2006

Scripture
•I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. (Amos 7:14)
•Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. (Psalm 55:11)
•In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:5)
•He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. (Mark 6:8)

Reflection
•Is love rational? If faith reasoned or possessed?
•As you embark on a spiritual journey is there anything material that is required?
•If you help others on their spiritual search, what will help you and what will slow you down?

We live in a culture that sees having things as the measure of success. We strive for a life that sees eliminating things as the measure of internal wealth. Enoughness is a value long dead in Western society. Dependence on God is a value long lost. Yet enoughness and dependence on God may be what is lacking in a society where consumerism and accumulation have become the root diseases of a world in which everything is not enough and nothing satisfies.[1]

[1]Chittister, Joan, *The Rule of Benedict: Insights for the Ages*, Crossroads: New York, 1993, p. 144.